



Flat Stanley Project

http://flatstanley.enoreo.on.ca/jeff_brown.html

Flat Stanley is the title character in a book by Jeff Brown. Stanley is a perfectly normal boy until one night a bulletin board falls on him, flattening him like a pancake. Stanley soon finds out that there are advantages to being flat. One advantage is the ability to travel through the mail.

Each member of our *Flat Stanley* Book Club has made a flat version of himself or herself to mail to a friend or relative in another city. Our hope is that you will write back about the adventures of your "visitor." Letters will be shared with the rest of the class so that we can all learn about different communities. We made a power point slide show about Austin so you could learn a little about the community we live in. You can view it at our class web page: <http://www.gullettgeckos.org/Default.aspx?tabid=33>

Things to consider including in your letter:

Weather - Current temperature as well as some seasonal ranges. Is the climate where you live different than Austin's? What are the differences/commonalities?

Location - Latitude and longitude and proximity to major cities.

Population - How many people live in your city?

Special to Your Location - Describe favorite local activities, sports, hobbies and sites of interest and industries. What do you like best about where you are? What would you change?

Books - What books are you reading?

Tourist Attractions - Describe any landmarks, historical sites, or other places people visit your area to see.

Small items - Local leaves, coins, stickers, post cards and photographs all add to the learning. Some people have even been known to make new paper clothes for their visitor. For example, a t-shirt with a sports team logo.

Whatever else you think might be of interest to second graders.

If you prefer to email your letter our email address is shardin@austinisd.org Digital photos are welcome!

The following web pages show what others have done with their "visitors."

<http://www.figg.com/taylor/>

<http://www.geocities.com/~teddarnold/stanley.html>

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids/flatstanley/01.html>

Thanks so much for your help with our project!